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NW San Pedro Neighborhood Council 638 S. Beacon Street, Box 688 San Pedro, CA 90731

July 31, 2017

Joe Buscaino Councilman, District 15 638 S. Beacon, Room 552 San Pedro, CA 90731

Re: Revitalization of Downtown San Pedro

Dear Councilman Joe:

Downtown San Pedro is the heart and soul of our community. Over time it has lost much of its retail business and is being re-imagined as an Arts and Entertainment Center.

As part of the revitalization of downtown, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the following and would like your support to bring these to fruition:

- Construct an "arch entryway" at 6th and Harbor to encourage people to walk up 6th Street as is currently being proposed by the Business Improvement District. The arch should communicate the arts & entertainment focus.
- Make 6th Street one way going west and 7th Street one-way going east from Pacific Ave. to Harbor Blvd.
- Add diagonal parking on 7th Street between Pacific and Harbor Blvd allowing for about 50 additional parking spaces.
- Create a "sidewalk dining zone" on 6th and 7th, Mesa and Centre Streets between Pacific and Centre that allows for creation of bulb-outs and/or construction of wooden platforms to widen the sidewalk in front of participating restaurants and the development of design standards for such construction.

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- Place retractable or non-fixed bollards across the east side of Pacific at 6th and 7th Streets and at the corners of Mesa and Centre to allow for the closure of the 300 and 400 blocks of 6th and 7th to through traffic while allowing cross traffic on Mesa and Centre. This would facilitate closure for the Farmer's Market and community events
- Encourage murals throughout the downtown area that reflect the rich history and culture of San Pedro
- Create a public walkway by greening the alley between 6th and 7th from Centre to Pacific
- Paint iconic crosswalks in the downtown core.

To help facilitate this vision we request that the Council Office:

- Introduce a motion and actively advocate for passage of an ordinance that would create a sidewalk dining zone pilot program in San Pedro
- Encourage the inclusion of the necessary traffic study for making 6th and 7th Streets one-way as part of the required traffic study for the development of the Courthouse property
- Seek potential funding sources for the above enhancements, including possible use of the remaining CRA funds. Meet with the BID, Chamber, and Neighborhood Councils to prioritize the use of the funds.
- Advocate with DOT for the one-way streets, diagonal parking, iconic crosswalks, and placement of bollards
- Work with Cultural Affairs and the San Pedro Waterfront Arts District to secure additional murals

Please let us know how we can assist in furthering the development of these elements. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Raymond Regalado, President

On behalf of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council

cc: Mayor Garcetti; Elise Swanson, San Pedro Chamber; Business Improvement District; David Roberts; Nathan Holmes; Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council & Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Councils.